



After reviewing the record and considering the arguments, the Appeals Board concludes the Award should be affirmed.

The Board agrees with and adopts as its own the findings and conclusions stated by the ALJ in his Award. Dr. Hutchison's 0 percent rating is not credible in light of the recommendation for knee surgery by Dr. Phillips, a board certified orthopedic surgeon. Furthermore, the 19 percent rating by Dr. Koprivica is more consistent with the claimant's complaints at the regular hearing. The Board affirms the finding of 19 percent disability to the leg.

**AWARD**

**WHEREFORE**, it is the finding, decision, and order of the Appeals Board that the Award entered by Administrative Law Judge Robert H. Foerschler dated June 30, 1999, should be, and is hereby, affirmed.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of November 1999.

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c: Keith L. Mark, Mission, KS  
John M. Graham, Jr., Overland Park, KS  
Robert H. Foerschler, Administrative Law Judge  
Philip S. Harness, Director